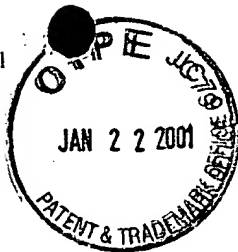


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment and Reply to Restriction Requirement is being filed in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 19, 2000 in the above-identified application. An extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time (3 months) and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Preliminary Amendment and Reply to Restriction Requirement.